

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The prevalence of the Internet and the like allows the user to form an image using a printer located at another site. In this case, it is required to simulate (or preview) a color matching output of the printer at a remote site (another site). To this end, a client prompts the user to select a printer used as a print simulation target at the remote site, a printer of the self site, which is used to output the simulation result of the target printer, and a profile required for the color matching process of the print simulation. The selected profile is acquired by searching a profile database present at the remote site or the self site, and a use designation of that profile is sent to the target printer. Image data which is to undergo a color matching process is then transmitted to the target printer, and image data that has undergone the color matching process is received from the target printer. The received image data is transferred to the simulation output printer.